



Nebraska Student Vote

Candidate Profiles

DEB FISCHER – 2012

Age: 61

Hometown: Valentine

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years in Current Office: Eight Years, Two Terms in the Nebraska Legislature

Congressional Committees: Chair, Transportation and Telecommunications Committee; Member, Revenue Committee; Member, Executive Board (all State Legislature Committees)

Education: BA in Education from University of Nebraska Lincoln

Prior Public Office Held: Member, School Board (20 Years)

Political Heroes:

1. U.S. Presidents have said for several years that we need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. What steps would you take to make us less dependent on foreign oil and to achieve more energy efficiency in the U.S.?

We are blessed to have an abundance of natural resources in this country; and if managed correctly, we can become energy independent, while preserving our country's landscape for our children. My priorities include eliminating excessive government regulations, supporting more domestic production of oil, promotion nuclear and coal power, and encouraging private-sector exploration of alternative energy.

2. After September 11, 2001 our nation has made public safety from terrorism a high priority. Have we achieved a sustainable level of public safety or do you think more steps are needed to protect public safety into the future?

National security is the number one priority of the federal government. I support enhancing information sharing across jurisdictions and providing the resources necessary to ensure our country is secure and our citizens are safe.

3. Since our federal debt and annual deficits are a major concern, what are the top three priorities for you on these issues?

We are currently in a financial crisis in this country. Tough decisions have to be made in order change the direction our country is headed. We have to balance our budget, cut spending and generate revenue through job creation. In order to create jobs, we must reduce energy costs, reform the tax code, repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act, eliminate burdensome regulations and encourage fair trade agreements.



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4. Many young people have only a general understanding of the dynamics of politics and elective government. As the greatest democracy in the world, America needs each new generation to step up. What two policies or programs might you pursue to help young people appreciate their freedoms and accept their civic responsibilities?

I believe it's important for young people to gain an understanding and appreciation for public service. I would encourage young people to get involved in their communities through the many great organizations that provide opportunities to give back.

